

## Martin is prepared to face the challenges as he takes office

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

A new era will begin in Fulton County on January 5. Jim Martin will begin his four-year term as Fulton County Judge/Executive.

At first it looked like things would be smooth sailing for Martin, following the recent announcements of new businesses in the county and the decline of the jobless rate.

That is until Parkway Regional Hospital dealt an earth shattering blow when they announced they would close their doors in March 2015.

Goals in 2015 for Martin include the county joining with regional tourism resources while creating a tourism development strategy.

“While the jobs created by new businesses like Riverine Fisheries and Pipe Plus are good, they are not the answer to everything,” stated Martin. “Manufacturing represents 25% of our economy. We need to develop other strategies such as in the areas of retail and tourism.”

Martin would like to see the county and both cities, Hickman and Fulton, become more business friendly. “We need to make our community attractive to all kinds of business and that includes all sectors of our economy,” he explained. “That is not to say we don’t already desire to have more business in the community but it needs to become a strategy with a purpose.”

“Our retail strategy needs to address issues that will strengthen our retail community and make it profitable to be in business here. We have friendly people but we need to be conscious of our hospitality and find more ways to let our friendliness show,” continued. “When you go to places like Gatlinburg, people are trained in hospitality before they stand behind a cash register. Our friendly people need a strategy to exercise their hospitality more.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

**MEET AND GREET** - Fulton County Judge/Executive Elect Jim Martin (left) visits with Johnny Jones, former Editor of The Hickman Courier, during the Courier's open house held on Friday, Dec. 19.

We not only want people to live here and work here but we want visitors to be happy they came when they visit here.”

A negative net migration of our work force is another issue that Martin would like to address. “Negative migration needs to be addressed,” he said. “We currently have more people coming into the county to work than going out of the county to work. We want a county where people want to work and live not just come to work and take their paycheck back where they live to spend. It is not as important where the paycheck is earned as it is where it is spent.”

Martin enjoys living in Fulton County and has lived here since 1970. “Why wouldn’t others enjoy living here and working here,” he said. “How do we get those people living here, their kids in our schools, buying things from local stores and paying taxes here?”

The people who live and work in Fulton County are the ones that can boost the economy by spending their dollars here, at home. “Pricing

and availability are issues that need to be addressed,” added Martin. “If a local store doesn’t have everything that a store out of the county has people are going to go there. Merchandising and entrepreneurship are key. We need to make it easier for entrepreneurs to go into business here and we as a county need to support our local business people.”

Adding more retail stores will increase money filtering into the local economy. “Some say if you spend a dollar in the local economy it turns over seven times before leaving a community,” Martin noted. “but that is not the case when a community has a 50% retail leakage like we have here. We must keep more of our retail spend here in order to build a stronger local economy.”

According to Martin it will take a positive attitude, county wide, to achieve that goal. “People need to buy into it or it won’t work,” he said.

For Martin 2015 will also be a year of planning, which will include community-wide participation in strategies to improve the local economy through several development initiatives. “We need to become more efficient in using the resources we already have,” he said. “We are not without resources to develop.”

He will look at the job (of Judge/Executive) in two different ways, take care of county business and at the same time try to influence changes countywide that will positively impact our economy noted Martin.

“We have very competent people in all county positions,” Martin said. “All those folks will be great to work with from

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Photo by Charles Choate

**OFFICIAL READING** - Fulton County Attorney Rick Major (third from left) reads Ordinance 2014-06 to the Fiscal Court this week, which adopts the county as a “Right to Work” area. With the second reading, magistrates voted to accept the law, which makes Fulton County the third county in the nation to change its employment status in an “at-will” state. Listening to the reading was (l-r) Magistrate James Black, Magistrate Henry Callison, Judge/Executive David Gallagher, and Magistrate Bill “Bubba” Nelms.

## Union reps oppose RTW, has the votes to pass

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Editor

The vote on Ordinance 2014-06 might be delayed by 24 hours but the outcome will remain the same. All four Fulton County Magistrates Billy “Bubba” Nelms, District 1, George A. Jones, District 2, James Black, District 3 and Henry Callison, District 4 are in favor of the Right to Work (RTW) ordinance and expressed their desire to pass it following Monday’s special called meeting. Another special

called meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 6 p.m. to pass the ordinance following the correction of a word in Section 6 from “lawful” to “unlawful”.

Many others were in attendance on Monday, mostly union representatives, who were asking the court to reconsider their decision. With Labor Attorney David O’Brien Suetholz going as far to say that they will challenge Fulton County in federal court.

“Our statement is we want jobs,” Gallagher said emphatically. “We

are thinking of jobs and statistics show that RTW is important in creating jobs.”

“I am for it,” agreed Jones. “I think it will be helpful to Fulton County. I don’t see it bringing a large plant here but I believe it will help small plants locate in our county.”

“In a nut shell we need jobs,” added Black. “I am for the ordinance because we need jobs and we have to do something to

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## Growing Fulton County with RTW

Charlotte Smith  
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Following in the footsteps of Warren County, members of the Fulton County Fiscal Court and Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher held a second

### Magistrate Black will serve as Judge/Exec for four days

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On December 31, 2014 Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher’s eight years in office will come to an end. Fulton County Judge/Executive Elect Jim Martin will not take office until Monday, Jan. 5, 2015. On Monday, Dec. 15 the Fulton County Fiscal Court elected James Black, the senior member of the court, to full fill the role as Judge/Executive from January 1 through January 4, 2015.

The court heard from Fulton County - Hickman County Economic Development Partnership Director Eddie Crittendon who is still working on a state building program. “It may be midsummer before we know any more details on that subject,” stated Crittendon. “By then we will have some different revenue streams coming in.” The need is there for a good industrial building since all the ones in Fulton County are occupied or leased at this time.

“We are also working with all current industries in the county to see what their needs are,” he added. “The Riverine project is going well.”

Crittendon added that he was glad to see the Court step out there and vote unanimously to hold the first reading on the Right to Work Ordinance. (Second reading was held on Monday, Dec. 29 at 10 a.m.).

The court approved the utilization of approximately \$30,000 in the revolving loan fund for a project that Crittendon is currently working on.

reading of the Right to Work Ordinance on Monday, Dec. 29.

Both counties are located in a state that is not a Right to Work state. A vote by the Fulton County Fiscal Court was delayed by 24 hours because of one word, a mere typo, when the word written was ‘lawful’ and should have been ‘unlawful’ in section 6 of Ordinance 2014-06. (See article above)

Fulton County has seen some recent job growth with the addition of two new businesses. Then had a set back when Parkway Regional Hospital, the county’s largest employer, announced their plans to cease operations in March 2015.

Citing the “County Home Rule,” Fulton County officials are looking to stimulate job growth and increased economic development by becoming a “Right to Work” county by supporting workplace freedom.

The group “My Check My Choice” supports Right to Work (RTW) and believes this local option is a way to take the initiative to protect the community and its workers. “It is a way to say to the legislature: if you don’t act, we will to protect our people and to grow our jobs base,” states their website mycheckmychoice.org.

Enrollment in RTW states, like neighbor Tennessee, grew 2.5% over the past decade, where jobs in forced states shrank 3.4% according to data provided by Michigan’s Mackinac Center. It is also noted that RTW states’ pay rates increased at four times the rate of forced dues states.

It is believed that companies invest where they will get a better return – between 1977 and 2012, economic growth rates were 11.5% higher in states where workers are protected by RTW

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## PRH CEO Ballard resigns to accept new position

John Ballard, Chief Executive Officer of Parkway Regional Hospital has resigned to accept the CEO position at Kentucky Regional Medical Center, a 55-bed hospital in Jackson, Ky. Ballard’s last day at Parkway will be January 2, 2015.

“It has been a privilege to work with the skilled, compassionate physicians and employees here at Parkway Regional Hospital,” said Ballard. “I thank them all for their commitment to patient

service.”

Ballard joined Parkway Regional Hospital in September 2013. During his tenure, the hospital had excellent employee and physician satisfaction scores. The hospital was also labeled a top performer on Joint Commission key quality measures in pneumonia and surgical care for the fourth time.

The hospital’s chief financial officer Dana Lawrence will serve as acting CEO.

## Fire destroys trailer in Brownsville Community

Charles Choate  
Courier Correspondent

An official from the Kentucky State Fire Marshall’s Office was in Hickman Tuesday, Dec. 30 to examine the scene of a trailer fire that occurred Sunday morning.

Hickman Fire Chief Tommy Ramsey said firefighters from his department, along with those from the Cayce Fire Department,

responded to the residence of Russell Walker, located at State Route 925 in the Brownsville community.

When arriving on the scene, Chief Ramsey said the fire was still contained to the inside of the trailer, with immediate concerns focused on a propane tank located nearby.

Firefighters were on the scene for approximately two hours, with heavy fire, smoke and water damage received to the structure.

Chief Ramsey said no injuries were sustained in the fire, and the Fire Marshall’s Office was contacted to determine the cause of the blaze.

## School board hears from FCE/MS Site Base Decision Making members

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

Following Damian Roach’s graduation ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 18 the Fulton County School Board recognized Laura Miller as the Certified Best Pilot on Board and Virginia Varden as the overall science fair winner.

### Dialogue with SBDM

Fulton County Elementary/Middle School (FCE/MS) Site Base Decision Making (SBDM) members hosted the Thursday evening meeting in the school library.

“We have fun, but we also achieve,” stated Stephanie Mora about the elementary/middle

school which has seen a rise in enrollment of 15 students with a 50 to 50 male/female ratio.

Some curriculum changes include Renaissance Enterprise and AR 360 trial to help with reading scores. Reading and math labs continue as more and

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Photo by Charlotte Smith

**CHRISTMAS EVE GREETING** - Santa Claus was escorted on a Hickman Volunteer Fire Department truck on Christmas Eve. Elgin Infinger was out in front with Santa in tow and Lynn Parker was driving the second truck. They left the station around 6 p.m. making their way through the streets of Hickman with their Christmas greeting.

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### OBITUARIES

Larry W. Bowlin

### RAIN WATCH

December 2014 - 1.3 inches

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### RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.






Tuesday, Dec. 30 - 23.9  
Wednesday, Dec. 31 - 25.6  
Thursday, Jan. 1 - 26.0  
Friday, Jan. 2 - 25.7  
Saturday, Jan. 3 - 25.4



**DRIVING TO THE BASKET** - Fulton County Pilot DeVontae Hampton looks to drive around a Trigg County defender during last week’s Paducah Tilghman Christmas Classic Tournament. (See complete story on page 6.)



Your Local Weather

Wed 12/31	Thu 1/1	Fri 1/2	Sat 1/3	Sun 1/4
 <b>33/23</b> A few clouds. Highs in the low 30s and lows in the low 20s.	 <b>42/30</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.	 <b>39/37</b> Mainly cloudy and rainy.	 <b>43/39</b> Mainly cloudy and rainy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper 30s.	 <b>43/30</b> Chance of showers. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.

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Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago  
January 4, 1990

Obituaries: Raymond Alton Weather, Sr., 55, and Mrs. Elizabeth Wynne Stephenson, 67.

Members of the Atwill family gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Jones in the Cayce community on December 26, for their annual Christmas supper.

Thelma Fethe enjoyed her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday by lowing out all the candles on her birthday cake with only one “puff”. She had a big time with a small group of friends helping her celebrate her birthday. The party was given by her son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Carolyn Fethe.

David and Lee Ann Stafford of Union City, Tenn., are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a girl, on December 15, 1989, at Volunteer General Hospital in Martin. They named her Ashlee Ann.

50 Years Ago  
January 7, 1965

Elbert Burcham, Jr. and Leon Harris won the approval of Hickman’s City Council and Mayor to annex an area adjacent to Industrial League explaining their plan to develop Bayou de Chien Courts. They presented a plan showing the layout of 43 lots of a modern subdivision, which they claim will meet present day restrictions of a properly planned and zoned private housing development.

Union Barge Line’s No. 121 is in the port of Hickman this week delivering a 250-ton load of steel wire for American Metals of Union City. The port’s first big customer is starting the New Year off right for the newly created Riverport Authority, which hopes to create a steady flow of commerce through the port of Hickman.

Mrs. Evelyn Dickinson presented the petition of 31 residents of Henry Addition representing about two-thirds of the property owners asking for annexation to the City with sewage. The Mayor told Mrs. Dickinson that the Council wanted Henry Addition annexed but that the matter would have to be weighed in relation to the financial ability of the City to provide the service. At issue is the proposed annexation is an idea that it would require another federal project for extending sewage.

75 Years Ago  
January 5, 1940

“Ole Man River” is carrying tons of ice and snow down the channel this week as evidence of the cold wave that has gripped the middle states since Christmas. On account of the heavy snowfall and ice blocks the Hickman Ferry suspended its crossing Wednesday night and Thursday morning. The lowest temperature for the week was unofficially 6 degrees above zero.

Senator and Mrs. E.J. Stahr left Saturday for the state capitol where they will reside while Senator Stahr is attending the 1940 session of the General Assembly. Judge Stahr, who was recently elected without opposition to represent this district, is the first native Hickmanite in the General Assembly since Judge W.J. McMurray and the late Judge B.T. Davis, both of whom were elected in 1923.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Benson announce the birth of a daughter at their home on Buchanan Street Sunday. This is the Benson’s first child. Both mother and babe are doing nicely.

125 Years Ago  
January 5, 1890

Dr. C.H. Hubbard, one of our most worthy citizens, is in correspondence with regard to the machinery for boring an artesian well at Hickman for the discovery of natural gas.

The annual city election for Mayor and Councilmen occurs January 6th. It is pretty universally agreed that the present incumbents have made excellent officers and will be complimented by a re-election, at least those of them who may be willing to serve.

Hon. B.R. Walker left yesterday for Frankfort to assume his duties as a member of the Legislature. Mr. Walker is prepared with several important measures, which, if enacted into law, will be of much benefit to his people.

The Hickman Building and Loan Association will commence business on or about January 15.

The City Council met in regular session this week. Those present were: Mayor Cowgill, Councilmen Parker, Shaw, Smith, Maxwell and Beckman.



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Barry Patrick, and Dale Vowell

# OutsideIN repurposes materials while reinventing lives

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

“In my own little world, population me,” LeEllen Smith, founder of OutsideIN, began her presentation with these words from a Matthew West song. They are just a portion of the song but meant to remind us that there is more out there in the world besides ourselves. Smith addressed members of the Hickman Rotary Club on Thursday, Dec. 11.

She began to realize her life was changing, as her children grew up, she was becoming more and more aware of the people around her. “God was placing other people in my path and different things began to move me like West’s song,” she said.

OutsideIN became to be because Smith decided to become engaged in the problems around her. “Awareness leaves us with the knowledge that people are hurting,” she said. “But engagement asks ‘What’s the plan?’ and ‘How do I get involved?’”

The non-profit organization, located in Troy, Tenn., is how

Smith has gotten involved in the problems around her. “OutsideIN is a social enterprise,” she explained. “We take donated t-shirts and we recycle them into garments like skirts.”

The workers are the mission of OutsideIN. “These women have been marginalized from the main stream workforce because they have had problems with addiction, been incarcerated, are coming from poverty or lack education,” explained Smith.

They began operations in January 2012. First at Smith’s home and then to the Troy, Tenn., brick and mortar location on Westbrook Street.

Five different women have worked at OutsideIN with a majority of them recovering from Alcoholism and some doing court order community service. “There is a need for a good place for fulfill those obligations with the court system,” she said.

The marketing strategy of OutsideIN is “wear one, share one.” Our website is called wearoneshareone.org. When you buy one we turn around and make one to share with



LeEllen Smith

somebody else,” noted Smith. “We currently share with a little orphanage in Zambia, Africa by sending them little ‘bless dress.’” There are future plans to make hospital gowns out of t-shirts for children sick and in the hospital.

Hickman resident Doris Weatherly now volunteers at OutsideIN on Tuesdays following the publication of an article that ran in *The Hickman Courier* back on May 29, 2014.

Empowering women is what OutsideIN is hoping to accomplish. “We are already seeing that in this area,” Smith stated. “One of the ladies who works for me has tried to quit smoking. Weatherly, who quit smoking years ago, is encouraging her and her words carry a lot of weight since she has been there and knows what that journey is like.

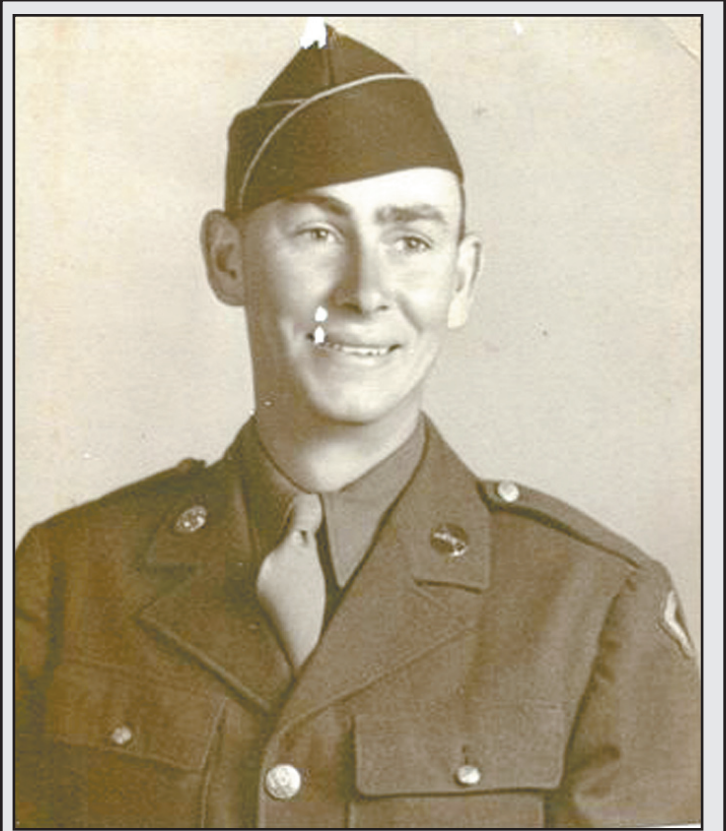
“God is at work and so are we,” Smith said. “The mission of OutsideIN is to repurpose materials which were thought to be useless in an effort to reinvent lives which were thought to be hopeless.

“Please do not hear what I did not say. These lives are not hopeless but many of us think they are hopeless because we see that brokenness and we know to some extent that is because of their own choices,” she continued. “When so much gets piled on you that you can’t see the hope, that is a sad place to be. So we want to try to help break that cycle of that hopeless thought.”

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**FEATURED VETERAN** - This week’s featured veteran is Charles Allen Everett, PFC US Army, WWII, Bronze Star-Purple Heart. He was born March 17, 1924, youngest child of twelve children born to William Murphy and Fannie Sanger Everett. Charles Allen graduated Hickman High School having entered military service during his senior year. Charles Allen married Evelyn Mae Burleson on November 16, 1949. Charles and Evelyn had three children: Joyce Marie, Charles Allen (Chuck) Jr. and Wanda Carol. The Carnegie Library is home to the museum which houses photos of area veterans. Stop by Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to visit the museum.

Greetings  
At Year’s End

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make it.  
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by Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,  
I have a friend who is experiencing financial problems. She is between real jobs at the moment and only bringing in about \$600 a month. But even when she’s working regularly, she doesn’t budget or manage her money wisely, and she’s always looking for more money. On top of all this, she’s holding out hope for her dream job out of state. She interviewed several months ago, and hasn’t heard anything from the company. What can I do to help her?

Gina

Dear Gina,  
I don’t mean this as an insult so much as an observation, but your friend sounds kind of flighty and impulsive to me. I think she may also be a bit immature. So what we’re really talking about here is how to get your friend to grow up a little bit and stop chasing rainbows. Don’t get me wrong. There’s absolutely nothing wrong with having a dream job, but you have to be realistic and practical at the same time.

Right now, I want her chasing three or four smaller job rainbows at once so she’ll actually have a chance of catching something. When you chase just one, in most cases you end up with nothing. The first thing I’d tell her is that the most employable people are ones who aren’t broke. When you go into an interview and you’re broke, you come off as tense and desperate, and you don’t make a very good job candidate.

The answer to that, when you’re basically unemployed, is to work any job – and any three or four jobs. Wait tables, deliver pizzas or mow yards. I don’t care what, just generate some income. Work all the time and smile! You never know when you might be talking to your next employer. You could be walking someone’s dog one day and end up in their marketing department the next. But none of this will happen if you’re trying to feel better about yourself by sitting home watching Oprah reruns.

I assume that since you’re friends, she’s willing to listen to what you have to say. But if she won’t, all you can do is pray for her. Remember the old saying, “Those convinced against their will are of the same opinion still.”

—Dave

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Deed Transfers

The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Friday, Dec. 12 through Monday, Dec. 29:

Karen A. Copelen to Courtney S. Copelen of Fulton, property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$3,000, Dec. 12.

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Senior Citizens enjoy having New Year's celebrations just like anyone else. Sometimes their New Year's bash might be different than others but most important is organizing activities that consider the limitations while planning fun party activities that create a festive atmosphere marking the occasion. Each year becomes more special and a chance to celebrate life with laughter and joy.

Here are a few suggestions when planning New Year's activities with senior citizens:

• **Share New Year Resolutions** - Have seniors and others write down their New Year resolutions on a note card. Gather the note cards in a container and read each person's resolutions out loud. Then try to guess which resolution belongs to whom.

• **Celebrate New Year's Eve on UK Time** - If many seniors don't wish to stay up until midnight, begin the celebration early in the day and watch the ball drop in an earlier time zone such as the United Kingdom. Another option is to save the New Year's Eve festivities for New Year's Day and simply have a small scale celebration for those who are night owls. Have board

games available to play along with snacks.

• **New Year's Day Open House** - Have a New Year's Day party or open house at the home of a senior citizen. Prepare enough food for seniors and their guests. Provide party hats and other party favors as giveaways. Have the party start later in the afternoon, as many of the invited guests will have already been out late at New Year's Eve parties.

*Editor's Note: Information for this segment obtained from an article by Kai Ingram, eHow Contributor.*

Bingo is played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week (25¢ a card) on these days immediately following lunch, at approximately 11:30.

*The following items will be served at the Senior Center next week:*

**Monday, Jan. 5**

Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, whole-wheat roll, pineapple, walnuts, and skim milk.

**Tuesday, Jan. 6**

Navy beans with ham, greens, cornbread, pineapple delight, and skim milk.

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Laura Miller and Rob Garrigan

## Peers vote Miller as Best Pilot on Board for December

Charlotte Smith  
*Editor*

Laura Miller, a certified teacher at Fulton County Elementary/Middle School (FCE/MS) received the Best Pilot on Board award during the December 18 Fulton County School Board meeting.

Miller was voted Best Pilot on Board by her peers with many of them adding comments which include the following:

- Goes above and beyond with preparing her lessons for each class,
  - Has high standards for herself and her students,
  - She wants to be the best that she can be for the students at Fulton County,
  - She is a shining star in our district especially when it comes to mentoring new teachers,
  - When Mrs. Laura is asked to fulfill a duty or asked to volunteer she is always willing,
  - She has Pilot Pride!
- Miller received a gift certificate to Broadway Pizza and flowers

and will be a guest of Fulton County Superintendent Aaron Collins at a Hickman Rotary Club meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8.

FCE/MS Principal Julie Jackson and Fulton County High School Principal Ellen Murphy also recognized Miller for stepping up by adding two end of course classes to her work load at the high school in Biology and a class at the elementary/middle school. "We greatly appreciate Laura Miller," stated Jackson. "We know that the kids do, as well."

Miller is in her 21st year teaching at Fulton County.

"We have so many teachers that are doing that right now, stepping up," added Supt. Collins. "They are being team players, being on this Fulton County 'ship'. We greatly appreciate that."

It was also noted that Tony Davidson, another Fulton County teacher, has stepped up organizing testing and other duties.

## 2014 Engagements

The following engagements were reported in The Hickman Courier during the months of 2014:

**March**

Kodie Lanae McClanahan of Fulton, Ky. and Jason Eugene Fikter of Mayfield, Ky., April 5.  
Sara Elizabeth Hayes and David Kyril Norville of Jackson, May 31.

Juanita Sue Kilpatrick of Hickman, Ky. and Dylan Mitchell Downs of Cadiz, Ky., April 26.

**April**

Lacy Brook Roberson of Hickman, Ky. and Vercel Tyler Vowell of Hermitage, Tenn., June 28.

**May**

Hanna Shea Lee of Arlington, Ky. and Matthew Thomas Quimby of Hickman, Ky., June 14.

Brittany Elizabeth Prather of Union City, Tenn., and Trent Lee Cole of Union City, Tenn., May 17.

Stephanie Marie Weatherford and Justin DeWayne Jackson of Clinton, Ky., June 21.

**June**

Michala Lorraine Holloway of Waterloo and Eric Michael Williams of Union City, Tenn., June 14.

Ashley Nicole Curlin of South

Fulton, Tenn., and Jacob Simpson McKinnis of Union City, Tenn., July 26.

Kesha Lynn McQueen of Hickman, Ky. and John Matthew Wright of Hickman, Ky., June 14

**August**

Emily Dawn Williams of Union City, Tenn., and Matthew Thomas Henderson of Cayce, Ky., Aug. 16.

Jorrie Christina Woods of Bardwell, Ky. and Andrew Wayne Hayden of Fancy Farm, Ky., Sept. 20.

**September**

Paige LeNae Johansen and Clay Edwards Guess of Hickman, Ky., Sept. 20.

**October**

Mackenzie Brooke Ward of Fancy Farm, Ky., and Tanner Scott Coffey of Hickman, Ky., Oct. 25.

Whitney Leann Henson of Benton, Ky., and James Blake Eakes of Hickman, Ky., Nov. 1.

**November**

Destiny Marie Berg of Murray, Ky., and Robert Joseph Hulin of Fulton, Ky., Nov. 22.

Tabitha Breanne Baker of Union City, Tenn. and Jordan Allen Davis of Union City, Nov. 15.



**EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED** - David Weatherly (right) received the Kelly Murray Portfolio Management Award from Sandra Murray (left) on December 13.

## Weatherly receives the Kelly Murray Portfolio Management Award

David Weatherly, who graduated, Saturday, Dec. 13 from the University of Tennessee at Martin, was voted by his classmates to receive the Kelly W. Murray Excellence in Portfolio Management Award for fall semester. The award, named for the late son of Dr. Sandra and William Murray, recognizes outstanding effort and dedication managing the UT Martin TVA stock portfolio in conjunction with the TVA Investment Challenge. Sandra Murray, associate professor of education, is pictured with Weatherly following the presentation Dec. 3. TVA's Investment Challenge is a partnership between TVA

and 25 universities in its service territory that provides a real-world learning experience in portfolio management by allowing students to manage actual stock portfolios. Weatherly earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a major in finance.

The lifelong Hickman, Ky., resident plans to work full time in the financial services industry while pursuing an MBA degree at UT Martin. Weatherly is president of the Fulton County Board of Levee Commissioners and Weatherly Farms Inc. He is serving his second term as mayor pro tem for the city of Hickman.



*The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.*

**January 5** - Rick Deater, Joye Stokes, Michael Stowe, Karen Green, Gene R. Yates, Larry Hunter, Marianna Harris, and Savannah Renee Barber.

**January 6** - Danny Bryan, Allen Mudd, and Regina Calhoun.

**January 7** - Kathleen Johnson, Taylor Moss, Fancy James, Denisha Pierce, and Leah Rash.

**January 8** - Roy Miller, Jack Amberg, Jimmy Love, Bubba Weatherly, George Evans, Mariah Cristin Adkins, April Harrison, Mike Woods, and Kim Hagler.

**January 9** - Ricky Callison, Scotty Schell, Carol Parker, Kaylee Evans, Kimberly Evans, Danny Ray Crittenden, Jr., and Ramona Fitz.

**January 10** - Pat Walters, Heather Morgan, Jimmy Johnson, and Allie Culin.

**January 11** - Sean Andrew Young, Tim Garrigus, and Maegan Weatherly.



The following births were reported in The Hickman Courier during the months of 2014:

**January**

Stowe Edward Ray, a son, born to Thomas and Brenna Ray, of Union City, Tenn., on Oct. 2, 2013.

Mary Beth Burnette, a daughter, born to Holly and Michael Don Burnette, of Hickman, Ky. on Jan. 1.

**March**

Bentlee Joe Greer, a son, born to Zach and Paige Greer of Hickman, Ky., on Feb. 15.

**April**

Tra'Lyn Cordell Wilson, a son, born to Tramine Wilson and Tah'nee Mitchell of Hickman, Ky., on April 1.

Josiah Robert Cheers, a son, born to Joe Jr. and Bernita Cheers of Hickman, Ky., on Feb. 25.

**June**

Rosalie Grace Waldroup, a daughter, born to Eric and Joni Beth Waldroup, of Lexington, Ky., on May 13.

**August**  
Chloe Marie Brunswick, a daughter, born to Mathew and Chenoa Stambaugh Brunswick, of Hickman, on Aug. 8.

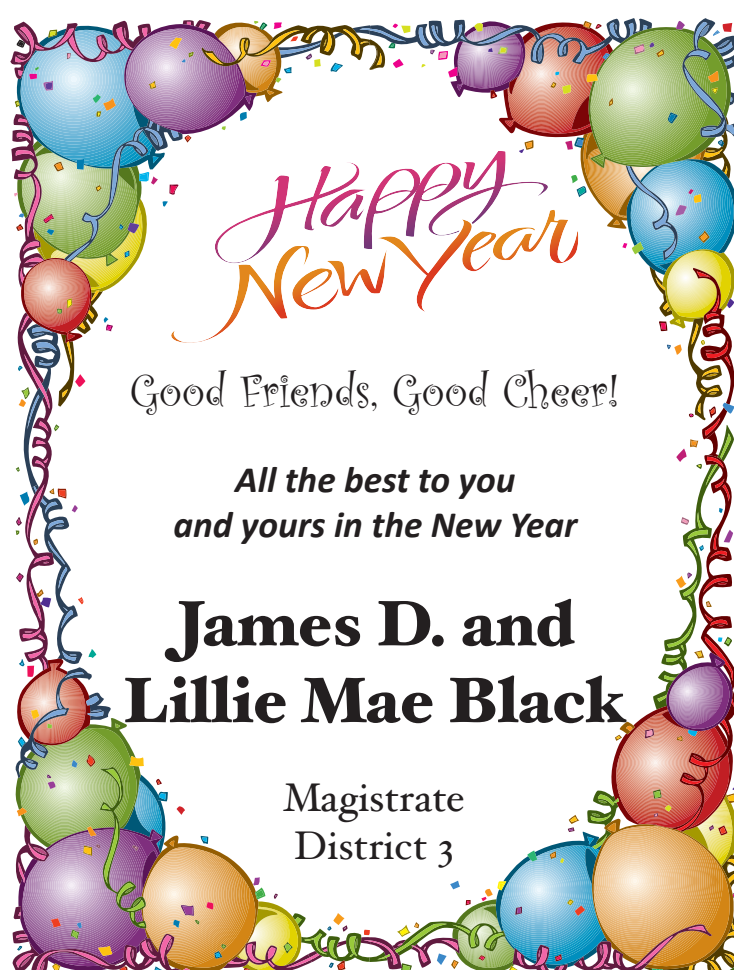
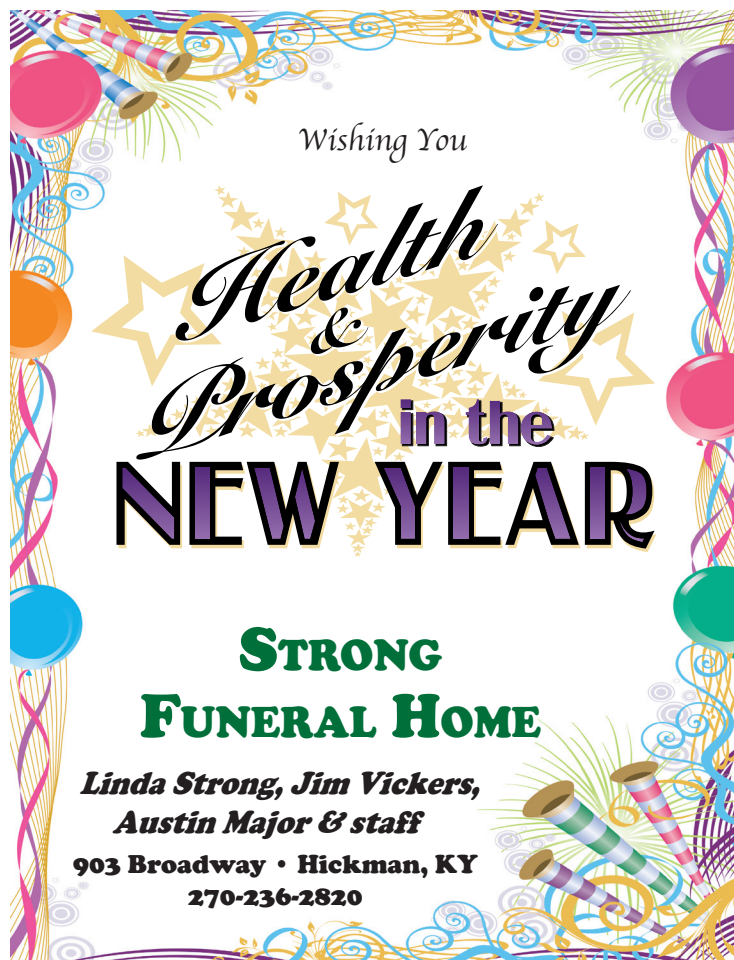
**October**  
Jazian Shavon Johnson, a daughter, born to Dylan Johnson and Jayla Yandal, of Hickman, Ky., on Oct. 4.

Prather Adams Carlton, a son, born to Heath and Cayce Jackson Carlton of Hickman, Ky., on Sept. 17.

**November**  
Noah Benjamin Larson, a son, born to Rick and Kaleigh Lattus Larson, of Fulton, Ky., on Sept. 24.

**December**  
Violet Ann Dillahunt, a daughter, born to Mark and Ashley Dillahunt, of Huntingdon, Tenn., on November 23.

Amariee JaNe Nicholas, daughter of Tiera Mackins of Hickman and DaVante Nicholas of Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 1.




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Obituaries

Larry W. Bowlin

Mr. Larry W. Bowlin, 66, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died December 26, 2014 at Volunteer Community Hospital in Martin, Tenn.

Born September 30, 1948, he was the son of the late Samuel T. and Vernice (Davis) Bowlin. He had been a truck driver for Bill Baxter logging operation. He was of the Baptist faith but attended the First United Pentecostal Church in Union City, Tenn., was a U.S. Army veteran and had served 20 years with the Army National Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Junie Bowlin of Hickman; three sons, Rev. Johnny Bowlin and Aaron Bowlin, both of Hickman, and Matthew Bowlin of Memphis, Tenn.; four brothers, Rev. Ray Bowlin of St. Charles, Va., Rev. Don Bowlin of Sharon,

Tenn., Gary Bowlin of Lafayette, Tenn., and James Bowlin of Hickman; one sister, Wanda Sue Bowlin of Hickman; and seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

One son, Daniel Bowlin, one brother, Robert G. Bowlin, Sr., and one sister, Barbara Dale Patterson, preceded him in death.

Services were held December 30, at the First Pentecostal Church in Union City, with Revs. Billy Uzzle and Don Bowlin officiating. Burial followed in the Hickman City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were C. J. Bonds, Thomas Bowlin, Jonathan Bowlin, Jr., Aaron Bowlin, Mark Bowlin, Donald Bowlin, Chris Bowlin and Jamie Workman.

Strong Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Larry W. Bowlin Fund, c/o Strong Funeral Home, 903 Broadway St., Hickman, KY 42050.

Obituary Charges

There are charges for all Obituaries placed in The Hickman Courier. Prices start at \$35.00 and go up according to the amount of information you would like to include.

Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Monday, Dec. 22 – Sunday, Dec. 28:

- Monday, Dec. 22:
  - Responded to a call on Union City Hwy.
  - Followed up on a call on Johnson Ln.
  - Responded to a possible fight in progress on Tommy Joe Rd.
  - Responded to a motor vehicle accident on 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Tuesday, Dec. 23:
  - Responded to an animal complaint on 1099 Bypass.
  - Responded to a call on 1004 Moscow Ave.
  - Assisted Tri-city EMS Union City Hwy.
  - Responded to a motor vehicle accident on Myatt St.
- Wednesday, Dec. 24:
  - HPD and HVFD escorted Santa through town.
  - Traffic stop on 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- Thursday, Dec. 25:
  - Investigated a suspicious vehicle on Moulton St.
  - Responded to a call at FCDC.
  - Followed up on a suspicious vehicle on Myatt St.
  - Responded to a commercial alarm on Moscow Ave.
  - Responded to a call at Hickman Manor. – William

Thompson arrested for fugitive from another state.

- Responded to a 911 Hang Up on Ivey St.
  - Responded to a loud music complaint on Cedar St.
- Friday, Dec. 26:
- Performed a motorist assist on Moulton St.
  - Responded to a juvenile issue on Vance St.
- Saturday, Dec. 27:
- Investigated a suspicious person on Mengel Rd.
  - Followed up on juvenile issue on Vance St.
  - Responded to a loud music complaint on 7<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Responded to a call at EW James and Sons.
  - Responded to a call on Nelson St.
- Sunday, Dec. 28:
- Hickman Vol. Fire Dept. responded to a structure fire on State Route 925.
  - Responded to a call on Pecan Circle.
  - Responded to an animal complaint on Myron Cory Dr.
  - Responded to a call at Holly Ct.

*Editor's Note:* This information was submitted in its entirety by a representative of the City of Hickman Police Department. Any corrections, changes, or deletions contact the Police Department at 270-236-2529.

Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff's

Department reports these arrests and citations for Thursday, Dec. 18 through Saturday, Dec. 20:

- Thursday, Dec. 18:
- Patrick W. Snyder of Mayfield, Tenn., white male, citation, no registration plates, no registration receipt.
  - Ann T. Fleming of Fulton, white female, citation, speeding 75/55 mph zone.
  - Karen W. Dean of Fulton, white female, citation, speeding 73/55 mph zone.
- Friday, Dec. 19:
- Tyshawna Allen of Hickman, black female, citation, speeding 91/55 mph zone.
- Saturday, Dec. 20:
- Connie R. Wiman of Mayfield, white male, citation, speeding 70/55 mph zone.
  - Jason L. Burns of Hickman, white male, arrested, speeding 69/55 mph zone, operating

Deed Transfer

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Courtney S. Copelen of Fulton to Randy Birmingham and wife Cindy Birmingham of Fulton, property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$2,000, Dec. 12.

Don A. McClanahan and wife Krystal McClanahan of Fulton to David Wesley Collier and wife Christina M. Collier of South Fulton, and David W. Sublette and wife Sandra J. Sublette of Fulton, property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$484,500, Dec. 18.

Fulton Industrial Development Authority of Fulton, Ky. to The City of Fulton, Ky., property in city of Fulton, Ky., value \$1,500, Dec. 18.

Curtis Roger McAlister and wife Barbara McAlister of Vero Beach, Fla., by and through their Limited Power of Attorney Karl F. Ivey of Fulton, Ky. to James W. Bushart of Fulton, Ky., property in city of Fulton, value \$36,000, Dec. 18.

Reelfoot Bank to Andrea Lea Braham, property in city of Hickman, value \$17,000, Dec. 19.

Joe Bondurant of Hickman to Joe Bondurant and wife Janice Bondurant of Hickman, property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$113,000, Dec. 22.

Joe Bondurant of Hickman to Joe Bondurant and wife Janice Bondurant of Hickman, property

in Fulton County, Ky., value \$93,000, Dec. 22.

Joe Bondurant of Hickman to Joe Bondurant and wife Janice Bondurant of Hickman, property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$82,000, Dec. 22.

Blair John Plaisance and Timothy Joseph Guidry to Ross Clark, property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$63,000, Dec. 23.

The Estate of Mildred G. Whipple, by and through The Citizens Bank of Hickman, as executor under the Will of Mildred G. Whipple of Hickman, Ky. to Justin Goadler O'Connor Trust, by and through The Citizens Bank of Hickman, Ky., as Trustee under the Will of Mildred G. Whipple of Hickman.

The Estate of Mildred G. Whipple, by and through The Citizens Bank of Hickman, as Executor under the Will of Mildred G. Whipple of Hickman, Ky. to Joe Thomas Goadler Trust, by and through The Citizens Bank of Hickman as Trustee under the Will of Mildred G. Whipple of Hickman, property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$295,000, Dec. 23.

Tracy Willis (n/k/a Toombs); Dickie Willis and wife Carol Willis; Parkway Regional Hospital; Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Fulton; and River Valley Ag Credit, ACA to Master Commissioner Amanda A. Major of Hickman, and William Rice of Hickman, property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$10,000, Dec. 23.

William Randal Parker and wife Vickie L. Parker, a/k/a Vicki L. Parker, of Paducah, Ky. to Johnny Lucy and wife Shelley Lucy of South Fulton, Tenn., property in Fulton County, Ky., value \$42,900, Dec. 29.

High-speed pursuit results in single fatality of a Tennessee man

Kentucky State Police (KSP), Post 1 - Mayfield recently investigated a single vehicle, single fatality collision near the Hickman/Fulton County line just inside Hickman County following a pursuit initiated by the Fulton Police Department in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014.

The preliminary investigation shows Harold D. Nichols (23) of Rutherford, Tenn., was alone and operating a 1994 Honda passenger car in the city limits of Fulton, Ky. around 1:10 am on Dec. 24, when a Fulton Police Department (FPD) officer attempted to make a traffic stop on this vehicle. The vehicle Nichols was operating had been reported stolen to KSP dispatch and the Graves County Sheriff's Department on December 23, 2014 from a car dealership in Mayfield. Nichols failed to stop for the FPD officer, and a pursuit ensued.

During the pursuit, FPD advised the vehicle drove into a parking area near downtown Fulton before traveling east on State Line Road accelerating to speeds nearing 120 mph. A KSP Trooper joined the pursuit on KY 129 as Nichols continued to flee out of Fulton. Other local law enforcement responded in a support capacity from Graves County and Hickman County Sheriff's Departments. Near the Hickman County line, Nichols lost control when he ran off the left side of the roadway and overcorrected his vehicle before colliding with a tree. Nichols, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected after the vehicle became airborne subsequent to impacting the tree. Nichols was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Hickman County Coroner's Office. Speed and a failure to be restrained are contributing factors to this collision. Toxicology results are pending laboratory analysis.

KSP was assisted on the scene by the FPD, Hickman County Sheriff's Department, Graves County Sheriff's Department, South Fulton (Tenn.) Police Department, Fulton Fire Department and Tri-Cities Ambulance Service. Trooper John Coppersmith and KSP Advanced Collision Reconstructionist Trooper Jody Cash are continuing their investigation into the collision and death of Nichols. The Graves County Sheriff's Department is continuing their investigation into the auto theft complaint.

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**READY TO SHOOT** - Pilot Aaron Allen, #33, is ready to shoot a free throw while his teammates Justin Jones, #35, Davis Major, #20, Steven Roberson, #21, and others talk things over with Assistant Coach Leonard Smith, Sr. and Head Coach Mitchell Williamson (mostly hidden behind Roberson).

## Pilots post win at Tilghman Classic

Charles Choate  
**Courier Correspondent**

Fresh off of claiming the championship of the Trees and Trends Classic, at Christian Fellowship High School, the Fulton County Pilots took part in the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Classic.

The Pilots were scheduled for three games over a two day period, facing the host Blue Tornadoes, along with Ballard Memorial and Trigg County.

Following tournament play, the Pilots posted a (1-2) record, with center Steven Roberson selected to the "All-Tournament Team".

**Paducah Tilghman 73  
Fulton County 46**

The Blue Tornadoes beat the Pilots for the second time this

season, and have established themselves as one of the top teams in the First Region.

Tilghman (7-1) jumped out to a 21-5 first quarter lead, which was expanded to 41-19 at halftime.

Coach Mitchell Williamson said his Pilots (3-6) were not able to slow down the potent offensive attack of Tilghman in the opening game.

"Our goal was to slow the pace of the game and to keep them from having to many fast breaks, but we just couldn't get it done. We also couldn't score when we had the ball. When they jumped out to the big first quarter lead, we were just playing catch-up the entire game. But we knew we were playing one of the Top-3 teams in the region, so things had to go well for us to win."

Steven Roberson led the Pilots in the game with 12 points, followed by Aaron Allen 11, Davis Major 10, Shaun Murphy 6, Dre Smith 5 and Devontae Hampton 2.

**Ballard Memorial 70  
Fulton County 47**

The Pilots (3-7) were faced with a slow start in their second game of the day against the Bombers.

Ballard Memorial took a 22-9 first quarter lead that increased to 39-22 by halftime.

Coach Mitchell Williamson was then saddled with starters Davis Major and Aaron Allen out for the second half of the game, forcing him to go deep down the bench.

"They came out and hit a lot of shots quick in the first half that put us behind very fast," said the coach. "Davis (Major) hurt his wrist and was not able to go the last half and we held Aaron

(Allen) back. We still outscored Ballard in the third period, but we had dug too deep of a hole. It was our second game after playing Tilghman and we just did not play well at all."

Steven Roberson was the leading scorer for the Pilots with 19 points, followed by Dre Smith with 15, Davis Major 6, Justin Jones 6 and Devontae Hampton 1.

**Fulton County 61  
Trigg County 55**

Three Pilot players posted double figures in the Christmas tournament win against Trigg.

Fulton County (4-7) was able to open a gap of 28-15 at halftime, and went into the final period of play winning 41-27.

"This really was not a close game," said Coach Mitchell Williamson. "Devontae (Hampton) came out and played some good basketball and it really helped us. Having three players get double figures was good because everyone played well. With Aaron (Allen) and Steven (Roberson) both fouling out in the final quarter, we were able to get some good bench play to get the win."

Davis Major led the Pilots win with 18 points, followed by Steven Roberson 16, Devontae Hampton 11, Dre Smith 6, Justin Jones 6, Aaron Allen 3 and Terrell Wilson 1.

The Pilots will return to the court on Friday, Jan. 2, when they play host to the Obion County Central Rebels.

## Senior Spirit

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**Wednesday, Jan. 7**

Turkey roast, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, pumpkin custard, cranberry sauce, and skim milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 8**

Beef stew, confetti slaw, bran muffin, strawberry dessert, and skim milk.

**Friday, Jan. 9**

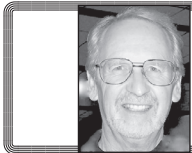
Barbecue pork on bun, black beans and corn relish, chocolate pudding, mandarin orange, and skim milk.

## Learn more about fisheries issues in Jan. 15 meeting

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will conduct a public meeting Jan. 15 to discuss fisheries issues affecting western Kentucky.

While the primary focus will be on crappie and bass fishing in Barkley and Kentucky lakes, officials will also provide updates on Asian carp, habitat projects, catfish and paddlefish. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife employees also want to hear from the public on these topics.

This meeting is being held at the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park Convention Center in Gilbertsville at 7 p.m. (Central time).



## Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier

By Bob Watkins

Mixing metaphors. If there is a Secretariat out there today – talent, poise, flowering personality and national attention it's housed in Lexington.

Kentucky's basketball team is big, powerful, smart, showy, with a heart two lions large, and can run too, ten-at-a-time, on 20 legs, all day.

That ESPN analysts declared to the world in the last week-or-so that Kentucky has quality enough to win its own triple crown (SEC, SEC tourney and NCAA), is johnny-come-lately. Folk in Big Blue Nation "saw it right off."

If you're still with me here, you've probably seen every SEC team play at least once this season. Says here, Gainesville, Tuscaloosa to Baton Rouge, pick one, I've seen nary a platoon to match Kentucky's two. Add in the hostile home crowd factor at SEC stops (see poise against UofL), and Kentucky still looks like Secretariat out of the gate. With due respect to Duke fire power, Virginia defense and Arizona team-ness, we could be witnessing the unfolding of narrative for another Belmont Stakes (1973).

The ingredients and personality elements for legend are all there.

**TO THE UK ARCHIVES!**

Having steam rolled its' non-SEC schedule 12-0, let us open the UK basketball archive which, in this case has the heft of Smithsonian and is reverential history to Big Blue Nation.

✓ 1966. Last time a Kentucky team had the magical mix of skill, size, savvy and likability to march to March. On the way to No. 1 in the rankings, Rupp's Runts finished pre-SEC 9-0. By March 5 and a trip to Knoxville the Wildcats were 23-0. We know what happened then.

✓ 1954. If the 2015 Wildcats flatten the SEC they will reach a pinnacle not seen in Big Blue Nation in 61 years. The 1953-54 team won its first seven by double-digits through December and ranked first in all national polls.

Adolph Rupp's only unbeaten team was on its way to 25-0.

Then, in a decision that, if made today would cause riot and ruin and a lawsuit, SEC schools voted to let Kentucky participate in the NCAA Tournament, but without it's three leading scorer-rebounders, Cliff Hagan, Frank Ramsey and Lou Tsioropoulos.

Disqualify the core of Rupp's team because? They were graduate students who had exhausted their eligibility, the league ruled. Irrelevant, they said, the three had not played at all the year before since Kentucky had been suspended as punishment for the point shaving scandal in 1949.

Without his Terrible Trio, Rupp declared his No. 1 ranked and unbeaten team, would not accept the NCAA bid. In the end 1954's national champion was LaSalle. Kentucky had coasted by the Explorers 73-60 in December.

The decision to ban Hagan, Ramsey and Tsioropoulos was, many believed, linked to football dominate SEC bosses who wanted to punish Rupp again for the 1949 scandal.

And so, another record is up for re-set for the 2015 Kentucky Wildcats, 25-0 and beyond.

**OBSERVATIONS: UK-LOUISVILLE**

✓ Tyler Ulis. Beyond his remarkably timely shooting in face of 22,000 hostiles, was the rookie's poise and, with blood running down his face, tenacity to carry on. Good news: Kentucky fans can spend a few dollars on a No. 3 jersey for the kid. Better news: Ulis will likely be around awhile.

✓ Not a good sign. Louisville forced a visiting foe into 10 turnovers in 20 minutes, still trailed at half.

✓ Chris Jones open shot from the left ... clang! Wayne Blackshear open from base line ... clank!

✓ Montrezl Harrell blocked a Willy Cauley-Stein shot early. His emotional outburst after one play cost energy and did nothing

to help his team.

✓ An All-American, Harrell clearedhimself for just nine shots in 40 minutes.

✓ Passionate Rick Pitino had his team wound tight enough to fight the Taliban, the Cardinals were so emotionally taut they couldn't calm down and shoot straight, 15 of 58 (eight more tries than Kentucky), was a Junior Pro-like, 25 per cent.

✓ This was no *game* for Pitino. The normally effervescent coach's jaws were so tight afterwards, he told media he would answer three questions, only.

✓ One assist (Chris Jones)? The Cardinals attempted 58 shots, 35 by guards and had one pass-for-a-basket. What sort of team preparation was this?

✓ Blocked shots. A brag-rights element in Louisville's swarm defense. Against Kentucky, the Cardinals logged two.

✓ Defense can't win every game, say some experts? Yes, it can. Poor shooting nights happen to teams, but defense, underpinned by extraordinary depth, can be sustained all night every night.

✓ Offense option: Teams on UK's schedule face same bad option: What do do when the Harrisons twins checked out and freshmen Devin Booker and Ulis check in. Booker and Ulis swished eight of 13 shots, including three triples, 23 points.

**WORTH REPEATING DEPT.**

Karl Anthony-Towns:  
• "It was very physical, but they let a lot go. It was one of those games you had to keep playing through the fouls. Don't worry about it. Don't complain. Just keep playing."

• "It's going to be one time in my life I'll be able to play with a person like Willie Cauley-Stein. It's a blessing and I just want to enjoy all the time I have with him. ... Possibly one of the best defenders I'll ever play with."

And so it goes.  
You can reach me at [bob.Watkins24@aol.com](mailto:bob.Watkins24@aol.com).



**ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION** - Steven Roberson was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Paducah Tilghman Christmas Classic last week.

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## School Board

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more activities are implemented to engage students while they are learning.

"We are making gains and moving up," added FCE/MS Principal Julie Jackson. "The middle school, sitting at 63.3, has grown 4.7 AMO points from last year and are 6 points away from being proficient while the elementary school moved 4.6 AMO points and are 8 points away."

Jackson also noted how pleased she was with the program review,

which received proficient in all areas.

She was, however, disappointed with the explore data she received. "September test scores were not as high as I would like for them to be," she said, "but they did grow from 7th to 8th grade, with all moving a point or more."

SBDM member Melissa Newton expressed excitement about the bathroom renovations, the newly designed entrance way which will resolve some safety concerns and the new playground

## Martin is Focused

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the county judge's office personnel to the county clerk, PVA, sheriff and jailer. They are all enjoyable to work with."

Martin will approach the office of Judge/Executive in a business like manner. "I will strive to make good decisions, study the issues and make decisions without bias," he said. "Sometimes bias drives decision making and that isn't good."

During Judge/Executive David Gallagher's final weeks he met with Martin several times making the transition for Martin a smooth one. "David Gallagher has been great to work with," commented Martin. "The people of Fulton County have been fortunate to have had him for eight years. He is a man of integrity and has done a great job. I worked well with him as I prepared to take over. We had about eight meetings together, a couple of times we spent a half a day together, looking at county roads and other infrastructure. "Gallagher has worked hard on issues surrounding the hospital closing. We have asked him to stay involved with our team,

after he leaves office, working on hospital and ambulance issues and he has agreed to do so," added Martin. "The hospital closing has brought on several issues that are very important to the people of Fulton County and we have been working on that even before the announcement to close the hospital was made. Our team, made up of several city and county officials, has had six meetings up until Christmas and there will be more after that. Gallagher has been and will continue to be the point man in this process."

## Fulton County RTW

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laws.

Becoming a RTW county could result in more growth – more jobs – and faster income growth for Fulton County.

"We are not anti-union," stated Gallagher during the initial reading of the ordinance. "I have been a union member. I once carried a UAW card. I also know there is good and bad, plus and

minus, about unions."

Gallagher believes the county will be creating a better atmosphere for its workforce, which is already positioned in a great location, near rail and on the river, with a good, trainable workforce. "Our skilled workforce are products of the Fulton County Area Technology Center and West Kentucky Technical and Community College," he noted.

Fulton County Judge/Executive Elect Jim Martin, who takes office Jan. 5, 2015, is in full support of this ordinance and was in attendance on Monday when the second reading was held.

Also in attendance included David O'Brien Suetholz, Labor Attorney with Kircher, Suetholz and Grayson representing the union; Jim Waters, President of Bluegrass Institute; Wayne Chambers of Graves County; Joe Villines of Eddyville, Lyon County; and Kyle Henderson, second-generation pipe fitter, Paducah, Ky.

Are there disadvantages of becoming a RTW county or state? An article by Kristin Jennifer, eHow Contributor, states this "right-to-work can potentially weaken collective bargaining, inhibit worker wage growth and allow for employee termination without just cause."

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# Legos are not just for ‘child’s play’

By Elizabeth Mullally McWhirt

If you think LEGOs are child’s play, think again. True, these wonderful little interlocking bricks can often be found in children’s toy boxes throughout the world. However, for today’s youth, LEGO’s potential play possibilities have come a long way from the original wooden toys of 1932 made in Ole Kirk Christiansen’s Danish workshop. It was the introduction of the archetypal plastic bricks with projecting tubes approximately fifty years ago that dramatically impacted LEGO sales and popularity. Although the bricks and building sets are still popular, LEGOs are now an integral part of a competition league involving robotics, engineering, computer programming, teamwork, research, and complex problem solving, among other challenges, for elementary and middle school students.

The name “LEGO,” is a combination of two Danish words, “Leg godt,” or “play well.” The company states its name is also its ideal. Certainly, “playing well” is a central component of the First Lego League, (FLL), an alliance between FIRST (First Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) and the LEGO group. FLL began in 1999 and now has more than 25,000 teams worldwide.

First LEGO League is a robotics program designed to get children excited about science and technology while teaching them valuable employment and life skills. Teams of up to 10 students, ages 9 - 14, program an

autonomous robot to score points on a thematic playing surface, and create an innovative solution to a problem as part of their Project, all while guided by the FLL Core Values. The robot is a LEGO MIND-STORMS.

The FLL competition has three elements: the Robot Game, the Project, and the FLL Core Values. These elementary combine to form what FLL calls “our yearly Challenge.” Each fall, FLL releases a new Challenge which sets the competition in motion. In 2013, the Challenge was “Nature’s Fury.” This year’s Challenge is “World Class Learning Unleashed.”

Teams usually meet one to two times per week leading up to the competition. Some of the tasks students may work on include building a LEGO MIND-STORMS robot and attachments; programming the robot to move on its own and perform missions; learning about the engineering and physics concepts; testing different designs and making adjustments; choosing a real-world problem to research; learning about the Challenge theme; inventing a solution to the problem the team chooses; and presenting the team’s solution to other people.

The FLL Core Values are the cornerstones of the FLL program and help distinguish First LEGO League from other science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs. By embracing Core Values, participants learn that friendly competition and mutual gain are not separate goals, and

that helping one another is the foundation of teamwork. The Values are:

- We are a team.
- We do the work to find solutions with guidance from our coaches and mentors.
- We know our coaches and mentors don’t have all the answers; we learn together.
- We honor the spirit of friendly competition.
- What we discover is more important than what we win.
- We share our experiences with others.
- We display Gracious Professionalism and Cooperation (Cooperation/Competition) in everything we do.
- We have fun.

One of the first things the student teams do is to consider the Challenge. This involves engaging in research about the topic, having discussions and brainstorming sessions, and developing a FLL WORLD CLASS question to guide their FLL WORLD CLASS PROJECT. After identifying a question, students then have to create an innovative solution. many different factors go into the question and solution evaluation process by the team - costs, technology needs, applicability are just some of the factors taken into consideration.

The next step is to determine how to best present the team’s research and solution to others and obtain feedback. Sometimes students have experts in the field come to answer their questions or take field trips pertaining to their topic. After all, getting input and improving are part of the design process for any engineer. All the creative ideas and energies of the team as a whole are employed to present its chosen question and solution. The possibilities are limitless - websites, comic books, skits, poems, raps The choice - and its presentation - are the students.

The last phase in the FLL competition is where teams present what they’ve accomplished at a tournament to a slate of judges and other teams. Sound difficult? It is. More incredible, a group of six 5th grade students from Fulton County Elementary School, in their first year of competition, placed 2nd overall, in last year’s FLL regional competition.



**STUDENTS COMPETING** - Fulton County students are shown competing during the First LEGO League competition.



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“I have two apps on my phone just to deal with all the minutia of First LEGO League,” said Brenda Mahan, Gifted and Talented Coordinator at Fulton County. “What students have to consider developing their question and solution for this year’s competition is just amazing. The learning question can encompass topics such as thinking outside the box, opening doors to learning, community learning, using all the senses to learn, apprenticeship, and adapting to change - the list goes on and on.”

Students travel to the tournament accompanied by their mat and mat pieces (which are standard among the team), their robot, and a computer. Designing and programming the robot is often what makes the difference. “It can be very frustrating when the robot doesn’t do what you want it to do,” said Caleb Collins, presently a 6th grader and member of the Fulton County team who oversees much of the programming. “When that happens, you have to make adjustments. But when everything works the way you want it to, it’s wonderful.”

“When arriving at the tournament, teams first spend five minutes talking to the judges. They go in by themselves to present their project,” said Mahan. “Then, students have 10 minutes of teamwork judging where students are observed interacting with each other as well as with other teams where they demonstrate, in their interactions, the FLL Core Values.

“It’s really hard,” says Hailee Edgin, another 6th grade member of last year’s team. “You are trying to do what you have to do and the judges are watching you, your team is watching you, and other teams are watching you.”

“It’s nerve-wracking,” agrees Karlie Smith, another member of the team.

Following the teamwork judging, there is a five minute period on the team’s robot design where students are asked questions. The last stage is a two and a half minute portion where the robot performs on the mat. Last, scores are tallied and awards given. Following the local competition at West Kentucky Tech in Paducah last year, Fulton County traveled to Bowling Green for the State competition, placing 1st in robot design - not bad for a bunch of newcomers! The team included Mia Amberg, Caleb Collins, Hailee Edgin, Suanna Johnson, Karlie Smith, and Tanner Williams. First

LEGO League may use toys but is definitely cons away from the LEGOs team members grew up with.

“It’s really challenging for me, for all of us,” says Collins. “But it’s fun. It’s supposed to be.”

This year, Fulton County’s team, now a group of twelve middle school students, grades 6-8, participated in this year’s tournament on December 13 in Paducah. The team from Fulton County received first place for their project which included designing a website at [pilotpridepaleontology.weebly.com](http://pilotpridepaleontology.weebly.com) and were third in completing robot missions.



**COMPETITORS** - Those competing and representing Fulton County include: (kneeling, l to r) Corey Smith and Tanner Williams; (standing, l to r) Caleb Collins, John Swain, Mia Amberg, Anna Grace Johnson, Callie Coulson, Hailee Edgin, Caleb Fields, and Mason Russom.



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**25-YEAR PINS PRESENTED IN HICKMAN** - (Above) Three Woodmen of the World Hickman Chapter members received 25-year member anniversary pins. Pictured (l to r) are pin recipients Julia Davis, James Roberson and Bernice Roberson, along with Joe Mack Brunswick, who presented the pins. They received the pins on Friday, Dec. 19 at City Hall in Hickman.



**PROUD MOMENT** - (At left) Woodmen of the World Hickman Chapter member Bernice Roberson (left) is pictured receiving her 25-year member anniversary pin from Joe Mack Brunswick, chapter president.

“Paladin”

Eric Lewis  
*Courier Columnist*

Try to imagine if every single law enforcement officer went on strike. Try to imagine every patrolman, detective, prison guard, and security official... suddenly not showing up for work.

I don't blame them. The lack of respect given to our nation's patrons of right and wrong, is down right humiliating.

From the perspective of the average American, I don't see how "protecting and serving" a nation of ungrateful anarchists, is rewarding enough to clock-in for.

The amount of unpredictable

stress that cops endure during their work shift is way beyond what the rest of us experience. Cops do what they are trained to do, period, through rigorous experience. Their personal tolerance of our plightly emotions, is only a matter of courtesy. Your petty "feelings" should not undermine their ability to do the job. Criticism of their possible incompetence is unfair, and no one takes the time to "wear the shoes" of an officer.

Most people don't choose a profession; it chooses them. Be grateful to that person dressed in that nicely-pressed uniform. If they weren't here to "protect" us,

to uphold the laws that hold our precious democracy together... chaos would ensue.

I can't speak for you... but "I can breathe" just fine. There is no reason for me to be angry or scared of a badge. I'm proud to live in a country guarded by structure, duty, and diligence. Without their example, we would have no one to call hero, no knights of humble armor, nor the peace of mind that we all hope for.

Editor's Note: Share your comments and thoughts with Columnist Lewis by emailing him at [romexromco@hotmail.com](mailto:romexromco@hotmail.com).

RTW Opposition

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create those jobs."

"I am for it, too," Callison said. "I believe it is the right thing to do."

All four magistrates have the backing of Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher and Jim Martin, who takes over as Judge/Executive on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015.

"I am for the working man," noted Jim Martin. "I want Fulton County to have a chance. Whatever stands in our way will be my opponent."

Martin reminded everyone that Fulton County has lost 50% of their population since 1950 to states such as Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. "Our goal is the same as everyone else," Martin said. "Jobs!"

Wayne Chambers from northern Graves County and an employee of Continental General Tire for 38 years agrees with Gallagher and the court that it is about jobs. "We all want jobs," he said. "It's not about RTW. It's about a field (the megasite in Graves County) with no infrastructure."

Chambers agreed that the conversation in the room on Monday was a good one. "Everyone is on the same page," he said.

"Our decision to pass this RTW ordinance is an independent decision," stated Gallagher. "We want a level playing field to get jobs in here."

Suetholz went as far to say that if Fulton County enters into a legal battle and they lose, they will have to pay the legal fees.

"To say we have to pay for all this if we make the wrong decision....that is arm twisting in my opinion" Gallagher said. "If we don't act. That would be the wrong decision. RTW is needed here."

Suetholz said that he cared about the people and if Fulton County could take a step back he would go with Fulton County to Frankfort to find out why there isn't any economic development in Fulton County."

Gallagher asked Suetholz were he was 20 years ago?

Second generation pipe fitter Kyle Henderson agreed that economic development is the key but also feels that people are not educated on RTW. "It is a catchy phrase," he said and went on to quote Chad Chancellor who thinks they need to be addressing the issue of a skilled workforce and lower electric

rates. Chancellor believes RTW is anti-union.

Another opponent of Fulton County passing the RTW ordinance was Joe Villines of Eddyville, representing the steelworkers. He referenced that RTW, which allows workers to choose whether or not they want to pay union dues, allows 'freeloaders' to receive the same benefits as those who pay and belong to the union. "It would be like using the county roads, sending kids to the county school but not paying their taxes," said Villines.

Eddie Crittendon, Executive Director for the Fulton County-Hickman County Economic Development Partnership, who sees first hand when the two counties lose out on new industry because they are not a RTW state. "I have been a union steward," he said. "This isn't about the unions. It is about competing with our neighbors. It is about putting us on a level playing field."

Jim Waters, President of Bluegrass Institute, of Lexington, mentioned that Todd, Simpson and Hardin counties have all three held first readings on their own RTW ordinances. Waters' research supports the benefits of RTW, even for unions.

"Union membership increased by more than 19 percent in Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina and by more than 13 percent in Virginia - another of Kentucky's neighbors," he said in his column Right-to-work laws good for unions, too.

Waters commended Gallagher and the Fiscal Court for utilizing this economic tool to attract more industries to Fulton County. "There are two things each state needs," he said. "RTW and a tax plan, which will help them achieve a solid economic plan to grow."

Waters added that this is not a union busting bill. "It is actually for economic prosperity," he said. "Growing the economy means more industries coming into the area, where unions can grow, too."

Gallagher realizes that this will be challenged in federal court and he, Martin, and the Fiscal Court are ready to face that obstacle head on, all for the betterment of Fulton County by promoting economic development and commerce by regulation of certain voluntary payments required of employees in Fulton County.



Photo by Charles Choate

**UNION OPINION** - AFL-CIO Union attorney David Suetholz, of Louisville, addressed the Fulton County Fiscal Court during a packed meeting this week in Hickman, in advance of a vote for the "Right to Work" Ordinance. Suetholz discussed several legal issues pertaining to the county accepting the new employment law, and requested that the Magistrates and Judge/Executive table the issue.



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